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In re Applicant: Yasuo Kamatani, et al. §
 U.S. Patent No.: 5,587,981 §
 Issuance Date: December 24, 1996 § Docket No. LSR.0005US
 Title: Multi-Standard Optical Disk §
 Reading Method Having §
 Distinction Process §

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CORRECTION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS
 AND PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY OWED
FOR MAINTENANCE FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.28

Dear Sir:

Applicant was entitled to small entity status at the time of filing of the application that led to the above-referenced patent. This entitlement to small entity status continued past the date on which the Issue Fee was paid. However, before payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee, the status of the Applicant changed so that the Applicant was no longer entitled to small entity status for this patent. Thus, the Applicant is no longer entitled to small entity status. In good faith and in error, payment of the small entity 3.5 year maintenance fee was submitted with a Petition to Accept Delayed Payment (called "Petition" and copy attached) on July 26, 2001. The Petition was granted on August 6, 2001, and the submitted payment was accepted. However, the payment of the large entity 3.5 year maintenance fee should have been submitted, and a deficiency is now owed.

The current 3.5 year maintenance fee for a large entity is \$880. The previously submitted payment for the small entity maintenance fee was \$425 (copy of check attached). Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 128(c)(2), submitted herewith is a check for payment of the deficiency owed, \$455.

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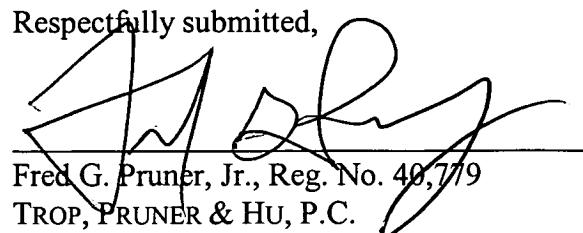
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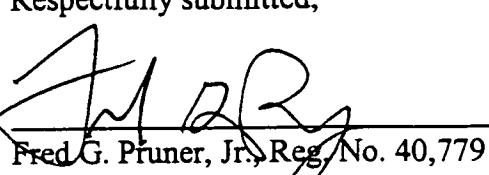
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee. The delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional. Submitted herewith is the required maintenance fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(e) and the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.20(i)(2).

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional costs associated with this amendment including any extension of time fees and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (LASR-0005-US).

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